

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph which begins at the top of page 5 as follows:

The invention is a chair and desk combination **10** comprising a base **12**, a chair **14** having a seating surface **16** with a forward edge **18** disposed in a generally vertical plane **19** and a work surface **20** having a rearward edge **22**. In one embodiment of the invention, the height of the seating surface **16** is vertically adjustable. In another embodiment of the invention, the seating surface **16** is capable of swiveling about a vertical axis and the distance between the vertical plane **19** and the rearward edge **22** of the work surface **20** forward edge **18** of the seating surface **16** is laterally adjustable with respect to the rearward edge **22** of the work surface **20**.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at the top of page 6 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment, the chair **14** is vertically adjustable as illustrated in Figure 5. Typically, this is achieved by providing the vertical strut **30** with an

adjustable telescoping mechanism **34**. The adjustable telescoping method **34** can comprise a mechanical screw that raises or lowers the seat by spinning the seat similar to an old fashioned piano stool. More typically, such telescoping mechanisms **34** are provided with springs or a gas cylinder, together with suitable spring stops or valves to allow for the vertical adjustment of the seating surface **16**. Such telescoping mechanisms **34** in the vertical strut **30** are well-known to those in the art. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the vertical strut **30** comprises an internal air cylinder, internal valve and valve opening lever **36**. Such a vertical strut **30** provides an efficient and easily operated mechanism for vertically adjusting the height of the seating surface **16**. The height of the seating surface **16** is vertically adjustable without affecting independently of the distance between the rearward edge **22** of the work surface **20** and the vertical plane **19** ~~forward edge **18** of the seating surface **16**~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9, as follows:

Preferably, the distance between the forward edge **18** of the seating surface **16** is laterally adjustable with respect to the rearward edge **22** of the work surface **20** as illustrated in Figure 3. This can be accomplished by fixing either the disposition of the chair **14** or the work surface **20** with respect to the base **12** and allowing the other of the chair **14** or work surface **20** to be moveable. In the embodiments illustrated in the drawings, the chair **14** is laterally fixed and the work surface **20** is laterally adjustable. In all cases, the distance between the rearward edge **22** of the work surface **20** is laterally adjustable with respect to the vertical plane **19** ~~forward edge 18 of the seating surface 16 without affecting independently of the height of the seating surface 16.~~